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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Irene M. Flannery Vice President – High Cost and Low Income Division Universal Service Administrative Company 2120 L Street, NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20037

Re:

CC Docket No. 96-45

Interstate Access Support – IAS Annual Certification Filing

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

The undersigned authorized representative of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company and the Ameritech Operating Companies (Illinois Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated and Wisconsin Bell, Inc.), on behalf of each of these companies, certifies compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in that each of these companies will use any and all universal service support received pursuant to Section 54.807 of the Commission's rules only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended. This certification applies to all study areas of each of the above listed companies and is provided pursuant to the requirements of Section 54.809 of the Commission's rules.

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will be served via U.S. mail.

Very truly yours,

Dave Toti

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Executive Director-Regulatory Accounting – SBC Communications Inc.